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For: METHODS FOR PROTECTING SILICA-  
CONTAINING ARTICLE AND  
INHIBITING BREAKS DURING  
DRAWING OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND  
SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE  
PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-  
INDUCING PARTICULATES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 – 1.98

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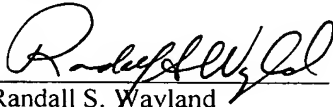
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The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

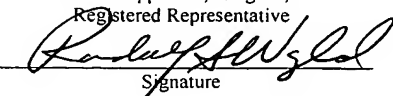
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	AB	6,233,972	5/22/01	Foster et al.	65	60.3	
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	AD	6,189,341	2/20/01	Draper, Clifton Walk	65	404	
	AE	6,124,044	9/26/00	Swidler, Ronald	428	500	
	AF	5,739,191	4/14/98	Woodhall et al.	524	377	
	AG	5,534,748	7/9/96	Oomen, Emmanuel W. J. L.	313	479	
	AH	5,093,880	3/3/92	Matsuda et al.	385	100	
	AI	4,973,345	11/27/90	France, Paul W.	65	3.15	
	AJ	4,793,842	12/27/88	Yokota et al.	65	3.11	
	AK	4,632,848	12/30/86	Gosset et al.	427	154	
	AL	4,473,599	9/25/84	Elion, Glenn R.	427	163	
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	AD	4,218,294	8/19/80	Brack	204	159.13	9/21/77
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